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**BOY'S BRIGADE AND SCOUTS.**  
A Company of the Boy's Brigade, with a  
scouting section, is to be immediately  
started in connection with St. Andrew's  
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should send in their names at once to the  
Vicarage, Kowloon.  
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place on Wednesday, May 11th, at 6 p.m.,  
in the Church grounds, when all recruits  
should attend. We are glad this scheme  
has evoked such a hope it will meet with  
the success it deserves.

**MISTAKEN IDENTITY.**  
A native was admitted into the Govern-  
ment Civil Hospital this morning suffering  
from a nasty wound on the buttock. It  
appears that a thief was seen in the act of  
taking some clothing from a bamboo on the  
roof of a house at Mongkoktsui about 4  
a.m. this morning and on alarm was raised.  
It happened that the neighbours occupy-  
ing the houses on either side heard the  
sound of the police whistle and two men,  
one from each house, rushed on to the  
house and one of the neighbours mistook  
the other man for the thief and as he had a  
chopper in his hand he inflicted the injuries  
described, the robber meanwhile having  
escaped. The assailant appeared before  
Mr E. R. Hallifax, at the Magistracy  
to-day, and the case was remanded.

**OFFENSIVE TRADES.**  
An application was submitted to the  
meeting of the Sanitary Board this after-  
noon for a soap boiling license at Mong-  
koktsui.  
Hon. Mr E. A. Hewett minutes—I pre-  
sume the house is within the offensive  
trades' area?  
Hon. Mr A. W. Brown—I have every  
confidence in the staff of the Sanitary  
Department but we are committed by their  
action to the granting of this license.  
Correspondence was submitted relative  
to extending the limits in which offensive  
trades are carried on, distinguishing those  
established before the passing of the Public  
Health Ordinance, 1903. I would also  
like to know if each establishment has  
been licensed by the Crown.  
Mr Shelton Hooper minutes—I would  
like a list of all premises on which offensive  
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sities intending to be present should notify  
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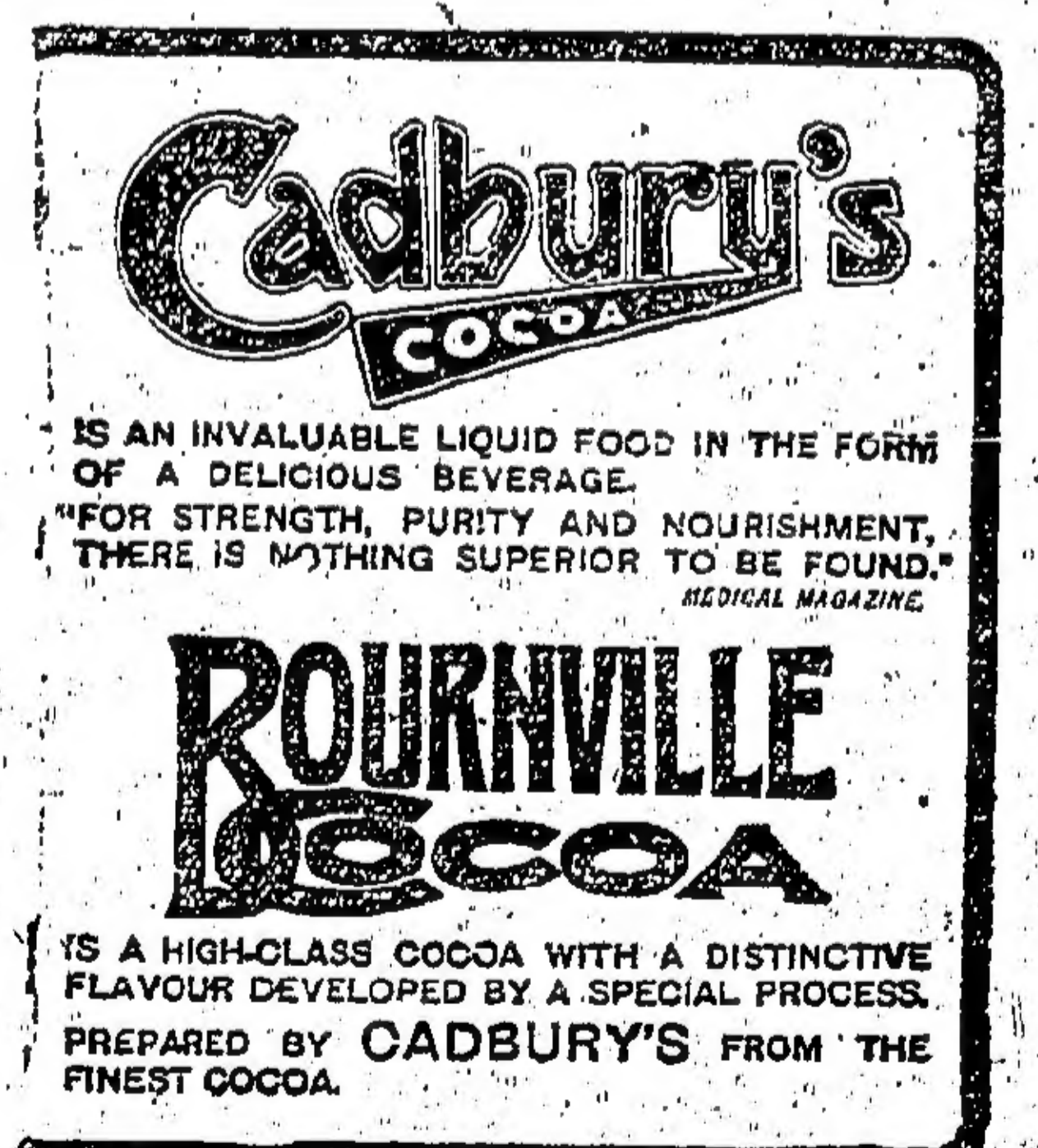
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DAY, the 30th April, 1910, at 12 o'clock

NOON, for the purpose of presenting the

REPORT of the Directors, together with a

Statement of Account to 28th February,

1910, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED from 15th to the

30th April, 1910, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Partnership heretofore subsisting

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MANAGERS at No. 2, Queen's Road Cen-

tral, under the style or firm of

'VERNON & SMYTH' has been dis-

solved and the interest and responsibility

of the Underigned JOHN YARDLEY

VERNON VERNON in the said firm has

ceased as from the 1st March, 1910.

All debts due to and owing by the late

firm of VERNON & SMYTH will be re-

ceived and paid respectively by the Under-

signed FRANK SMYTH who will continue

to carry on the said business under the

style or firm of 'VERNON & SMYTH.'

Dated the 1st day of April, 1910.

(Sd.) J. Y. VERNON.

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**RUBBER****ESTATES.**

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Hongkong, November 27, 1909.

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## THE CHICHEONG YUAN.

The recent election of members of the  
Chicheong Yuan, full accounts of which  
were published at the time in our columns,  
has again drawn the attention of the world  
to the constitutional movement in China.  
In view of the fact that within six months  
the members will take their seats and the  
first session will formally begin, it may not  
be uninteresting to review in a cursory  
manner the constitution, powers and  
privileges of that august body.

Strictly speaking, it is not accurate to  
translate the term Chicheong Yuan as the  
Senate, as the latter word is generally em-  
ployed to designate the Upper or Second  
House of Parliament, while according to  
Article 1 of the constitution of the Chih-  
cheng Yuan, the body is to be the basis on  
which both the future Upper and Lower  
Houses of China's Parliament are to be  
constructed.

As has been already intimated the doors  
of the Chicheong Yuan will be opened on  
the 1st day of the 9th moon (just one year  
later than the Provincial Assemblies), and  
it is expected that either His Imperial  
Majesty the Emperor himself or some Im-  
perial Prince will attend the opening cere-  
monies and deliver the Speech, wherein the  
questions to be discussed by the Chicheong  
Yuan will be embodied. According to the  
constitution a regular session will last for  
3 months, with the special sessions of one  
month each. The presiding officers will  
consist of President and a Vice-President  
both of whom have already been appointed  
by the Throne. His Highness Prince Pu  
Lun is the only one now remaining, as the  
other, the Grand Secretary Sun Chia-nai,  
died some time ago.

The composite character of the Chicheong  
Yuan is abundantly shown by the fact that  
nine different classes of men are to become  
its members. Altogether seats will be  
provided for 200, to be made up as follows:  
Peers of the Imperial Blood, 16;  
Ordinary Peers (Chinese and Manchu),

12;

Colonial Peers (Mongolian, Tibetan and

Manchu), 14;

Imperial Chamberlains and Grooms, 6;

Representatives of the Metropolitan

Ministries, 32;

Technical Members, 10;

Highest Taxpayers, 10;

Representatives of the Provincial Assem-

blies, 100.

The Peers of the Imperial Blood are to

be appointed by the Throne from a list of

eligible candidates to be submitted by the

Court of the Imperial Clan. Ordinary

Peers are to be appointed in the same

manner. (1) the Colonial Peers, six will

represent Inner Mongolia; four, Mongolia;

Kobdo and the New Dominion, one;

Ching-hai (Kokonor), one; the Mahomedan

Peers, one; and Tibet, one. The four

Imperial Chamberlains and the two Grooms

are to be appointed by the Throne out of

the forty Chamberlains and twenty Grooms

selected by their own bodies. The same

procedure is to be observed in the selection

of the 32 Representatives of the Met-

ropolitan Ministries. Technical members

(savants) must first be recommended by

the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Hanlin,

Censors, Viceroys, Governors, Commis-

sioners of Education and Ministers in

foreign countries. Thirty of those most

highly recommended shall be presented to

the Throne, out of which 10 will be chosen.

Among the 30 successful candidates, we

notice the names of Chang Chien (Optimus,

Tungchow); Kwei Kuang-tien (ex-Com-

missioner of Students in Europe); Cheng

Shao-lou; Liang Ting-feng; Yen Fuh;

besides five returned students from Japan

and two from the United States of America.

The twenty largest taxpayers of each

province will elect two of their members,

and the Throne will appoint ten of

the total number thus elected. Lastly,

a word as to the method of choosing repre-

sentatives of the Provincial Assemblies:

each Assembly will vote for twice the

number of representatives allotted to it,

the final selection again resting with the

Throne. The Province of Chihli will send,

then, 18, of whom nine will sit in the

Chicheong Yuan. Four of the provinces

will each be represented by only two men.

Coming to the powers of the Chicheong

Yuan, it has the right to discuss and decid-

on (a) the budget; (b) emergency expendi-

tures; (c) taxes and loans; (d) new laws

and statutes and their amendments (with

the exception of the future Constitution);

and (e) matters referred to the body by

Imperial decrees.

The decisions arrived at by the Chih-

cheng Yuan will be reported to the Throne

by the President and Vice-President con-

jointly with the Grand Councillors or

the Presidents of the Metropolitan Minis-

tries. In case of a disagreement be-

tween the Chicheong Yuan, and the

Executive Officers of the Government, the

questions are to be returned to the

former for reconsideration, and if it adheres

to its previous opinion, the matter is to

be reported to the Throne by the two

sides separately and they are to abide by

the decision of the Throne. The Grand

Councillors and the various Ministers enjoy

the right of attending the debates, in per-

son or by representatives though they shall

not be permitted to vote. On the other

hand, the Chicheong Yuan has the right to

propound questions on any administrative

measure to which the Ministers of the

Government are bound to reply, excepting

of course those that for important reasons

must be kept secret. For encroaching on

the rights of the Chicheong Yuan and for

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## MARRIAGE.

At St. Joseph's Church, Hongkong, on  
April 26th, 1910, by Rev. Father  
Augustine, ELEANOR MARY ROWE to  
WILLIAM GILBERT WORCESTER.

## DEATH.

ABDOOLKYOM.—On 25th inst., at  
10.30 p.m., at 7 and 9, Zealand Street,  
ABDOOLKYOM SHAH ABDOOLKYOM, J.P.,  
aged 46. Deeply regretted.

## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous

Annual Varsity Dinner at Hongkong

Club.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—A Dollar Princess at Theatre

Royal.

## General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, April 28.—

10.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, etc., at No. 25, Conduit Road.

FRIDAY, April 29.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, etc., at "Derrington," 5, Peak

Road.

9 p.m.—H.E. the Governor's "At Home"

at Government House.

## The China Mail

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1910.

## TREES AND CLIMATE.

JAPAN is attempting to remedy in those parts of Manchuria which fall within her railway zone the terrible mistakes made by generations of Chinese in ruthlessly denuding the hillsides and valley bottoms of their trees. Thousands of seedling conifers and other hardy timber have been sent over from Japan and afforestation is proceeding apace. We wonder if the experiment will be intelligently watched by the Chinese administration and if so whether it will induce the Middle Kingdom to make a move in the same direction. The subject is of prime importance to China, whose area of natural forests is decreasing year by year, for unless something is speedily done this land will soon be entirely denuded, with consequences that can be nothing short of disastrous. We in Hongkong are now beginning to reap the fruits of the afforestation schemes which were started early in the history of our administration of the island and therefore we can fully appreciate all that a plentiful supply of foliage means. Curiously enough it was the French Revolution that became the parent of the science of afforestation, for it was the success of the revolutionists in 1789 that led to the removal of the restrictions on the cutting of private woodlands. Immediately great areas, hitherto the deer parks and sporting preserves of the nobility, were cleared by the peasant farmer and the charcoal burner. Not more than three years had passed, however, before it was noticed that the climate in these cleared districts was changing; and the plain inference was that the cutting of the trees had something to do with it. Then it was that scientific observations were made, which were to become the foundation of the modern science of forestry. Germany was the first to take it up scientifically, followed by Austria, and as usual England lagged hopelessly behind.

Climate depends upon six factors, namely, the distance from the equator; the elevation above sea level; the distribution of water; the character of the country, whether level or mountainous, vegetated or barren; the winds; and the moisture of the atmosphere. The factors which the forest can influence are the surface cover, the moisture and the winds. It is these factors that most often govern changes in climate, which are evident to human beings, and thus it will be seen that if the forest does not wholly determine the climate of the neighbourhood, it exerts an influence upon the most important elements that combine to make it. The standing forest prevents the sunshine and the rain from too freely reaching the earth, and diminishes the radiation of heat from the earth at night. Thus there would be less difference between the daily and nightly temperature of the forest than of the open; on entering the woods on a summer night we find it warm, though in the daytime it was cool. In summer generally it seems cool; in winter warmer than the neighbouring plain.

This moderating influence of the forest is what makes breezes, for the leaves of the trees, containing as they do from 50 per cent to 70 per cent of water, are remarkable refrigerators of the surrounding air. As they cool the air above, it sinks down, by specific gravity, and a rising current of warm air takes its place. The cooled air flows off along the surface of the ground into the country, thus forming local breezes which are felt at some distance. That the presence of a forest has but little effect on the rainfall of a given district is the opinion of Mr. Macmillan, the well-known dendrological expert of Canada. In this idea he is supported by many observers. Forests of course may cause local showers by obstructing the winds. The chief causes of rainfall, however, are the great currents of warm and cold water in the ocean, the presence or absence of large bodies of water, and mountain ranges, and the direction of the prevailing winds. However, on the principle that it is what you give rather than what you earn makes you rich, the influence of the forest on the moisture of the soil should be preserved. The forest, in obstructing the winds, prevents the drying out of the land; and the greater the elevation above the sea level, the greater the power of the forest to prevent evaporation. This is one of the reasons why the Canadian Government reserves the forests at the headwaters of streams in mountain regions. In the Rockies a large proportion of the water, in the form of snow, is evaporated by the sun before it reaches the streams at all; and it is known that snow will evaporate without wetting the ground. It is therefore of the utmost importance that the forests should be left standing at the headwaters of streams, to protect the snow from the spring sun.

The chief influence of the forest, however, is in modifying the run off of water after it has fallen; and Mr. Macmillan says: "From 10 per cent to 25 per cent of the rain falling in a forested country is held by the branches and the leaves of the trees. This is later evaporated, and tends to keep the air moist. The water which reaches the ground is absorbed by the decayed vegetable matter and soft permeable soil as it would be by a sponge two inches to two feet thick spread over the whole surface of the land. Such a soil will hold a five inch rainfall before it becomes saturated. The water thus held slowly seeps into the subsoil, is held as a reservoir to support vegetation, or seeps away to feed springs and streams. None of it is wasted or lost. When rain falls upon a bare slope, the result is different; it does not sink into the ground half so readily, but immediately runs off the surface in rivulets and creates floods. Investigations by the United States Forest Service show that a forested watershed in California, discharged its water only one-half as fast as a denuded watershed in the same region; that the stream from the forested watershed maintained an equable flow, while the stream from the denuded watershed was flooded after rains, and dry in the summer, because of the failure of the water to soak into the ground." China affords many a striking object lesson of supineness and wilful closing of the eyes to-day, but none of her ills are so arresting as the crying need that exists for re-afforesting the country.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Great damage has recently been done in Shizuoka prefecture by the fall of enormous hail-stones.

A case of plague is reported from Kennedy Town, the patient being a Chinese, who has died from the disease.

The silk per R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* which left here on the 26th March, arrived at New York on the 22nd April.

The body of one of the three unfortunate Spanish priests recently drowned in the Yangtze has been washed ashore. It was unfortunately unrecognisable.

An America Cup Recovery Fund has been instituted by the Hurlingham Club, which appeals for £10,000 for the purchase of ponies for England's team.

We understand that there has been quite a run on Mr. John L. Plummer's brochure on "The Origin of Typhoons," stimulated no doubt by the approach of the typhoon season.

Waseda University is sending a team of Japanese baseball players to play the Chicago University next autumn. Chicago University returns the compliment in the spring.

There were 576 Europeans and 583 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 223 Europeans and 2,400 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending April 24th.

The Military correspondent of *The Times* inveighs against what he calls the "scuttling" from Somalia, which he declares is due to the inability of the Government to govern, and nothing else.

Miss Griffin will address a Children's Missionary meeting in the grounds of St. Andrew's Viennese to-morrow evening at 6.30 o'clock. If the weather is unpropitious the meeting will be held within doors.

"It may be quite irrational, but it is the law," said a well-known barrister in the Supreme Court this morning while dealing with highly technical points. He added:—"I myself think it is irrational."

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Limited, report that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 9th April amounted to 24,713.24 tons and the sales during the period to 25,250.47 tons.

Sir Gilbert Parker, speaking at Gravesend recently said that Mr. Balfour had appointed an Expert Committee, including Lord Milner and Lord Lovat, to consider the establishment of a Land Bank of England, with a view to the creation of peasant proprietors.

The Peking Government has entrusted Victory Jui Chong in Wuohang with the settlement of the indemnification for all damage done by the riots in Changsha. He is particularly ordered to enter into communication with the foreigners on this account.

After fifteen years in Hongkong, Mr. Rombach, of the firm of Messrs Rombach and Co., has retired and the agency of the Oliver Typewriter Co., and the Remco Duplicating Co., have been taken over by Messrs Jensen and Co., of Hongkong. Their indefatigable and courteous representative, Mr. W. H. Robb, will continue to represent both firms in this district.

The Java-China-Japan Steamship Co. has ordered a new steamer to be built by the Shipbuilding Company Fyenoord at Rotterdam. The liner will be ready in May 1911, and will have a length of 420 ft., a breadth of 54 ft., and a depth of 39 ft., with a speed of 11½ knots. The steamer must measure 3,630 register tons, and the engines will have a capacity of 2,800 h.p.

Telegrams from Kingston, Jamaica, state that the biggest island of the group, known as Morant Cay, situated about thirty miles east of Jamaica, has disappeared beneath the surface of the sea to a depth of four fathoms. The belief that there has been a submarine disturbance is strengthened by the fact that a liner, bound from New York to Havana, has reported passing a vast shoal of dead fish.

Mr. Timothy Healy is no friend of Mr. John Redmond. He accuses the leader of the Irish party with having "deliberately riveted the taxes of the present Budget upon the backs of the Irish taxpayers for the chance of Home Rule under which a few puppets might posture in a so-called Parliament in Dublin." These are plain words coming from such a man as Mr. Healy, and no wonder the Liberal party are rubbing their eyes and asking if Home Rule is the real aspiration of a quitted Ireland.

DEATH OF MR.  
ABDOOLKYOM.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Abdoolkyom Shaik Abdoolkyom, J.P., which took place at his residence in Zealand Street, very suddenly on Monday night. Of a quiet and retiring but nevertheless generous disposition the late Mr. Abdoolkyom, who was connected with the firm of Messrs A. M. Esaboy and Co., was well known and highly respected and only last week entertained Their Highnesses the Gekwar and Maharani of Baroda at a garden party. The funeral took place this morning at Happy Valley.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Edward Moore, J.P., D.L., formerly of China, has been appointed High Sheriff of Middlesex.

The death is reported of Mr. Koh Kim Ken, who for sixteen years had been Captain China at Sandakan.

Commander Ratcliffe, the Master Attendant at Singapore, has left for Home on nine months' leave. During his absence Lieut. Cator is in charge of the harbour office.

Mr. W. A. R. Knight, of the Eastern Extension Cable Co., left Malacca on Wednesday, April 13, to proceed to China. His place has been taken by Mr. H. Derrick.

General Picquet, who was for a time banished from the army for the part he took in the Dreyfus case, has now been appointed to the command of the Second Army Corps.

Congratulations to Mr. R. C. Barclay, assistant master at Saiyungpoo Government school, on his promotion to the newly created post of Inspector of Schools in the outlying districts.

It is generally regretted in the Colony that Sir Frederick Lugard will not be able to take part in the official opening of the British section of the Kowloon-Canton railway next July, owing to his absence in England.

Lieutenant C. B. Prickett, who was mentioned in despatches for his services in the fighting on the way to Peking ten years ago, he being then a midshipman, has been appointed gunnery officer of the cruiser Challenger, Australia Squadron.

Among the passengers who left per *Empress of China* were Capt. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Andrew, Mrs. A. B. Moulder, Miss Crisman, Mr. Dennis Fuller, H. H. the Gekwar of Baroda, Major and Mrs. Eaton, the Misses Potts, Lt. E. E. Cole and other Hongkongites.

The Masonic fraternity of Shanghai are deplored the death of Bro Gould, who had served them so conscientiously and so well for over twenty years. He had arranged to take a trip Home by the *Kiwan Maru*, but death has stepped in at the last moment and prevented the realisation of a long-cherished scheme.

Sir Frederick Lugard will be accompanied on his journey homeward by his Private Secretary, Capt. Simson, his popular A.D.C., Capt. Taylor, by medical advice, being obliged to take the other route. We hope the latter will soon be restored to health and strength, for a more hard-working and likeable gentleman for this onerous position would be difficult to find.

Mr. William Simpson, aged 55, of Penryn-road, Cardiff, who was active in the conveyance of arms and ammunition during the Russo-Japanese war, managing owner of the famous blockade runner Carlisle, his brother being master of a vessel which ran the blockade at Port Arthur with contraband arms and ammunition, has left personality valued at £10,978.

Lieutenant J. F. Knox has been appointed to the post of Admiralty Pilot of the Upper Yangtze, a post which is a pretty responsible one, and which calls for a great deal of close observation and local knowledge. Lieutenant Knox, who is a navigation expert, has thorough knowledge of the river, having recently commanded the river steamer Widgeon on the rivers of the station.

Mr. J. O. P. Bland, for many years Secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Council and Shanghai correspondent of *The Times* and later in the service of the Anglo-Chinese Corporation, rather gave himself away at the dinner given by the Authors' Club in honour of Earl Stanhope. Mr. Bland said "for years he had been in the service of Japan, and during the war was in its Secret Service. He was struck by the way in which the Japanese took it for granted always that England would accept anything."

## ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy, this morning, a lunk was charged with stealing a gold ring, value \$10, and a bank draft for \$190, from a passenger on the s.s. *Laisang*. The case was dismissed.

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A fine of \$120 or two months' imprisonment was imposed on a native from Tokoyan, by Mr. E. R. Hallifax, at the Magistracy to-day, for having opium in his possession. Defendant told the Magistrate that he was endeavouring to combat the habit of opium smoking.

NEW JAPANESE TARIFF.  
QUESTION IN THE COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, April 26.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hamilton Heim asked, in view of the prohibitive character of the proposed new Japanese tariff, especially for Lancashire and Yorkshire goods, what representations the Government proposed to make to secure fair treatment for British trade.

Mr. T. McKinnon Wood, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that he could not say at present what representations would ultimately be found necessary. The proposed tariff had been communicated to Chambers of Commerce and other bodies with a view to ascertaining its probable effect on British trade, and when replies had been received they would be considered by the Board of Trade.

## THE BUDGET.

## IRISH MEMBER MOVES REJECTION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, April 26.

In the House of Commons Mr. O'Brien moved the rejection of the Finance Bill. He stated that his ground for moving the resolution was that Irish industry had been already cruelly injured, and the Bill would unjustly increase the island's taxation.

## THE NEW BUDGET AND THE OLD.

## Collection of Taxes and Duties.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, April 26.

In the House of Commons Mr. Fall asked whether the taxes and duties were to be collected until the new Budget was introduced at the rate of the Budget for 1909-10.

Mr. Asquith replied that the only taxes in the 1909-10 Budget which would not continue to have effect in the next Budget were the Income Tax and the Tea Duty. He added that the latter would remain at the present figure until July 1st.

## ELECTIONS IN FRANCE.

## THE PREMIER RE-ELECTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, April 25.

The French elections generally have passed off quietly. Mr. Briand, the Premier, has been re-elected by a majority of 8,000.

## THE RUBBER BOOM.

## BIG COMPANY FLOATED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, April 25.

The prospectus will be issued on the 27th instant of the United Malaysian Rubber Company with a capital of £2,000,000, of which £400,000 will be offered for public subscription.

The Board includes Sir P. F. Cunyngame, ex-Resident of Sarawak, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, the American railway magnate, and Mr. Robert Goelet.

## THE S.S. KWEIYANG.

We understand that the Kweiyang is badly ashore on the northern island of the Okeu group. The accident was due to the foggy weather. On the 24th inst. Captain J. Raich, of the s.s. *Austria*, from Kobe via Shanghai, observed the Kweiyang but no response was obtained from the latter vessel in reply to the offer of assistance from the *Austria*. The s.s. *Too-nan*, a Chinese steamer, was present rendering assistance.

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POLICE ON ANTUNG-  
MUKDEN RAILWAY.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)  
Tokyo, April 26.

A temporary arrangement has been arrived at concerning the policing of the Antung-Mukden railway line, and no friction is expected in the future.

CONVERTING JAPANESE  
NATIONAL DEBT.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)  
Tokyo, April 26.

The conversion of foreign loans to the amount of 450,000,000 francs was arranged in Paris yesterday.

TO WATCH PUBLIC  
OPINION.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)  
Peking, April 25.

Prince Shu, President of the Civil Board, has appointed eight officials whose duty it shall be to peruse the newspapers.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT  
RAILWAY.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)  
Peking, April 25.

The Board of Communications has decided that the Nam Chin Railway in the Chekiang Province shall be constructed by the Government.

TOO LENIENT PUNISH-  
MENT.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)  
Peking, April 25.

A Grand Councillor has suggested that Wan Chung Yao, the late Assistant Amban in Tibet, should be severely dealt with for his shortcomings, as to merely suspend him from the performance of his duties is not sufficient punishment.

## THE CHANGSHA RIOTS.

BIG CLAIMS BY BRITAIN  
AND JAPAN.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)  
Peking, April 25.

The British Minister in Peking (Sir John Jordan) has demanded from the Board of Foreign Affairs the sum of 30,000,000 taels for compensation following the recent riots in Changsha, while the Minister for Japan demands 5,000,000 taels.

More gunboats have been despatched to Changsha by America and Japan. Their Excellencies, Sai Ching (Viceroy of Hunan) and Hsua Chun Min (Governor of Changsha) have been ordered to Peking in order that the cause of the recent riots may be investigated.

## THE TYPHOON.

To-day's telegram from the Manila Observatory to the American Consulate-General at Hongkong reports that the cyclone or typhoon reported W. of Luzon, is now more than 100 miles distant and is inclining northward.

## COSTS IN A DECIDED CASE.

## Lengthy Legal Arguments.

The Acting Chief Justice (Hon. Mr. W. R. Ross Davies, K.C.), was occupied for a considerable time this morning in hearing arguments in reference to costs in a previous action between the Hong Shing Firm and Messrs W. R. Loxley and Co.

Mr. Eddon Potter (instructed by Mr. R. A. Harding) was for plaintiffs and Mr. W. L. Shaw, K.C., and Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. Bowley) were for defendants.

Mr. Potter moved that formal judgment for the plaintiffs be entered on the claim and counter-claim for the sum of \$9,011.33, being the difference between the sum of \$2,900, found to be due to the defendants on their counter-claim, and the sum of \$3,711.33, due to the plaintiffs on their claim; and that the defendants be ordered to pay to the plaintiffs their costs of the action and counter-claim, to be taxed as between party and party; or for such other order as to the Court might seem just; and that the costs of this application be costs in the cause.

In making the application, Mr. Potter contended that the defendants' action in treating the counter-claim as a defence absolutely prevented them from coming and saying that it was not a defence but a pure counter-claim. The reason he was entitled to costs was because the plaintiff was successful. They were entitled to general costs of the action and the defendants were not entitled to full costs on the counter-claim because he had used the counter-claim merely as a diminution of the plaintiff's claim, not as a cross-action. The defendants in this case had been on the whole unsuccessful, inasmuch as the substantial balance was due to the plaintiffs, and therefore plaintiffs were entitled to general costs of the action and the most defendants were entitled to were the costs of any issues on which they had been successful. Defendants used the counter-claim as a set-off and they must abide by the consequences. The consequences were that the set-off being a defence—they, failing in their defence, lost the costs of their action.

Mr. Shaw, in the course of a lengthy argument, said the plaintiffs were asking that they, who were according to all ordinary understanding the unsuccessful parties in this litigation, should have substantially all the costs of the action. The action was a dispute over the price of goods sold. There was no dispute over the beginning as to the fact that the goods had been sold or as to the fact that the goods had been sent away to the destination ordered by the purchaser, or that the goods had been received by the party to whom they were sent. The one thing which was in dispute was whether the goods were up to sample or not—whether they were of the nature and quality demanded by the contract of sale.

Mr. Potter—The amount of the claim was very much in dispute. The one point in dispute, was that of quality. He added that this case was one of the greatest charges of bad faith against a respectable merchant that could possibly have been made. The only questions in dispute in the case were whether the goods were up to sample or not and whether they had been accepted by the defendant as being delivered under the contract. These being the only two matters in dispute, the inference of the Court had been that in respect to the whole of the shipment, except a comparatively small portion on which the South African evidence, in his Lordship's opinion, was not sufficient to justify him in finding for the defendants, the defendants had succeeded. That was the gist of the case. Under these circumstances, he contended that the right order to make was that the plaintiffs should have the costs of the claim, except in so far as such costs had been incurred or increased by the plaintiffs' demand of the defendants' allegations that the rice supplied was not up to contract quality; further, the defendants to have the costs of the counter-claim. He asked that the ordinary rule be applied—that the plaintiffs should only have the costs of the claim and the costs of the set-off as costs and claim to the only balance ultimately payable should be paid by the person who had to pay the ultimate balance. There had been filed an affidavit showing that the plaintiffs were not carrying on business.

Mr. Potter—That is a most improper affidavit. His Lordship—I have not seen it yet. Mr. Potter—Then it is advisable that your Lordship should see it. It is not at all proper at this stage to put in affidavits. I beg your pardon. In questions of costs you can always refer to the pecuniary position of the parties. Mr. Potter—This is a most improper procedure. I object most strenuously to it.

Mr. Shaw—I am bankrupt. Mr. Potter—We are not bankrupt at all. The whole object of this affidavit is to try to throw mud at my clients at the last moment.

Mr. Shaw—I am not trying to throw mud. I am merely trying to protect the interests of the defendants' firm, the fact being that the plaintiffs have ceased to carry on business in such a way as they had carried it on before.

Mr. Potter—That is not true. My friend's instructions are not correct. What has happened is that we have removed from one shop to another.

Mr. Shaw—I am not carrying on business anything like it was before. It formerly had.

His Lordship—I don't want to hear anything more of this. It is wholly immaterial. Replying to Mr. Shaw's suggestions as to the form the order should take, Mr. Potter said his friend had asked for an order but had not quoted a single case to support it. Why? Because there were none.

Mr. Shaw—I beg your pardon. I will quote now.

Mr. Potter—Very well, I will withdraw that to save time. Proceeding, he said more extraordinary order he had never heard made in a court of law. His friend's request came to this—that every plaintiff who brings an action for price of goods who is found to have been guilty of breach of warranty ought to be deprived of his costs. Mr. Potter proceeded to indicate that really his clients were the successful party in the action.

His Lordship—I do not know that I have ever been associated with a case which seems to have given so much satisfaction to both parties.—(Laughter).

Mr. Potter—Well, it is absurd for my friend to say he is the successful party when we are getting from him some \$2,000.

His Lordship reserved his decision.

## INTERESTING HONGKONG.

## WEDDING.

## Worcester—Rowe.

A wedding of very considerable interest to residents in the Colony took place at St. Joseph's Church this afternoon in the presence of a large and fashionable gathering of invited guests. The contracting parties are extremely well-known in the social life of the Colony, largely through their prominent association with amateur theatricals, in which they have on many occasions taken leading parts with conspicuous success. The bride was Miss Eleanor Mary Rowe, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bryant Rowe, of "Aborthelwyn" 16, Peak Road, Hongkong (and formerly of Redruth, Cornwall, while the bridegroom was Mr. William Gilbert Worcester, son of Commander W. D. G. Worcester, R.N.R. The interior of the sacred building was prettily adorned with flowers by lady friends of the bride, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Augustin. The ceremony took place at 4 o'clock. The bride presented a charmingly graceful appearance in her beautiful gown of ivory champagne satin, which was trimmed with orange blossom and adorned with true love's knots in pearls. She carried a choice sheaf of Eucharistic and ferns and also wore a beautiful diamond pendant and chain, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by four bridesmaids—the Misses Ethel Lucy Rowe (sister of the bride), Helen Benson (cousin of the bride) and the Misses Susan Slade and Joyce Dickson. The two former were dressed in blue and pink mauve and wore white chip hats trimmed with blue ribbon and pink roses, while the little girls wore white dresses and wreaths of roses. The latter also carried shepherd's crooks with climbing roses and the others pretty bouquets of pink roses and maiden-hair ferns. Each wore pearl and jadestone brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom.

Mr. R. C. Grad was "best man," and the duties of ushers were in the hands of Messrs P. P. J. Woodhouse, Barnes and Purley. The bride's mother was tastefully attired in a dress of grey embroidered with de chine, trimmed with pink guipure lace, and she wore a black ermine hat adorned with pink roses and carried a bouquet of the same flowers.

After the ceremony a large gathering assembled at the residence of the bride's parents where a reception was held. The customary toasts were honoured and the happy couple received the congratulations of their numerous friends.

There were numerous costly presents, that from the bride to the bridegroom being a signet ring.

The honeymoon is to be spent at Singapore. The bride's going-away costume was of white muslin trimmed with pale blue, while her white ermine hat was set off with roses and forget-me-nots.

## THE ARCADIAN.

Last night at the Theatre Royal the Pandemonium Opera Company opened their return visit with a very successful performance of "The Arcadians" last night. The performance was a decided success and delighted the large audience, bringing forth hearty applause for the splendid way the solo quartettes and choruses were rendered and loud laughter at the funniness of the comedians. Mr. Harry Cole was in excellent form and brought down the house every time he was on the stage. Mr. Alfred Frith, as Peter Dobby, also gave a capital performance. As an encore to one of his songs he sang a clever verse which dealt with the vexed question of Statue Squares.

Special mention should be made of the race scene which was very well done, the horses showing its appreciation by a thunder of applause as the winning jockey was led on mounted on a real live pony.

The other parts were all well taken, the principals being Mr. Dan Clifford as Jack Meadows, Mr. Harwood Roberts as Tom, Miss Connie Leon as Ellen Cavanagh, Miss Wilmet Karkeek as Mrs. Smith, and all the Arcadians, who looked very pretty in their costumes.

To-night "Our Miss Gibbs" is being staged and to-morrow "A Dollar Princess" will be their last performance before proceeding to the North.

Sir George Reid, the Australian High Commissioner, speaking at a banquet, said that speakers opining that the Imperial race was suffering from dry-rot, ought to be hanged. No race had more marvellous energy or a richer future, but steps were necessary to diffuse energy through the Homeland and the Empire.

With a view to the protection and preservation of the aborigines, the government of Western Australia has decided to purchase three small cattle stations in the Kimberley district, in the north-west, occupying a total area of 850,000 acres, with 10,000 head of cattle, at a cost of £20,000. Here all the natives in the district will be gathered and allowed to make a home, it is estimated that if the natives are allowed to carry on the work under a capable manager, the stations will not only feed them all, but will show a surplus of stock sufficient to return a reasonable interest on the expenditure. Apart from the cost of the stations, the government expenditure on the aborigines for the present year has been £25,000 to £26,000.

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## SPORTING.

## The Calendar.

Wednesday, April 27.  
TENNIS.—Championship; Carr v. Hancock.  
Friday, April 29.  
TENNIS.—Semi-finals and Finals of H.K.C.C. Tournament to finish by this date.

Saturday, April 30.  
TENNIS.—Distribution of Prizes of H.K.C.C. Tournament and Annual L.R.C. v. H.K.C.C. match.

Monday, May 2.  
RACING.—Shanghai Spring Meeting, 1st Day.

Tuesday, May 3.  
RACING.—Shanghai Spring Meeting 2nd Day.

Wednesday, May 4.  
RACING.—Shanghai Spring Meeting, 3rd Day.

## Lawn Tennis.

HONGKONG C.C. TOURNAMENT.  
Two finals were to be played off in connection with the above tournament on the Hongkong C.C. grounds last evening, but only one was completed.

In the Professional Pairs competition W. G. Worcester and C. A. Carr (shipping) opposed Capt. Brierley and Lieut. Whyte (Army). A long tussle resulted, no decision being arrived until the fifth set had been played, and even this one comprised no less than 18 games. As an exhibition of tennis the match was not of the very best, there being far too much "lobbing" to favour the contest with great interest to the spectators. The shipping representatives were the greater winners in this respect.

First set went to the military men with the score 8/6, their opponents replying by taking the next at 6/3. The latter also had matters pretty much their own way in the third, winning by 6/4, after which the Army representatives arrived at an understanding with the shipping men to play a second set. The shipping men won the second set 6/3, this pair therefore winning by three sets to two and 32 games to 29.

The final in the "A" Class doubles between Brown and Green and Best and Howe was started but the falling light made it impossible for the players to finish. Each pair had scored two sets, while the latter couple had secured 21 games to 20, when a stop had to be made.

SHANGHAI SPRING MEETING.  
Saturday, April 16.

The weather was dull, but the turf was in good condition and fairly fast, and in the gallop the grass course the ponies made excellent times.

The best gallop of the morning was undoubtedly that of Mr. Macgregor's Claretown, which, ridden by Mr. F. A. Cunningham, covered the Derby distance in 3.13, with last quarter in 31 sec. Billie's time for the same distance was 3.21, last quarter 32.4, with Mr. Duglish in the saddle. Herbie (Mr. James up) in 3.22.4, last quarter 31.3, and Thosa (Mr. Myerup) up in 3.25, last quarter 34.4. Tienien had a good gallop over 1½ miles (Mr. Crisp up) in 4.03, last quarter 36.2, and Datto Tree (2.55.3, last quarter 30.3 sec.).

Over one mile, Rye made the best time —2.11, last quarter 31 sec., and his stable companion—Sandy and Lauegan—also did well in covering this distance in company in 2.15, last quarter 32.2. Other gallops credited with good times for the mile were: Treaco (2.14.1, last quarter 32.4 sec.), Annair (2.13.32 sec.), and Royley (2.13.1, last quarter 31.3). Crispaid did a flying gallop in the finish of a half-mile sprint, in 28 sec.

Of the old ponies, Sirius and Fabulus went 1½ miles in 3.10.3 and 3.08.1, respectively, going slow in the early portion of their gallops, but finishing strongly—the former with last quarter 32.4 sec., and the latter 32.5 sec. The latter was ridden by Cherry Tree went well together over a similar distance in 2.56.2, with last quarter in 29.3 sec., as did Spring Rose (2.51, last quarter 32 sec.). Dwarf Rose did 1½ miles in 2.45.1, last quarter 32.4 sec., while Lili's time for the same distance was 2.51, last quarter 31.2. Datto Tree finished strongly in a 1½ miles gallop, which occupied 3.26.2, with last quarter in 31.3, and other good performances were those of Sagittarius (1½ miles in 2.48.3, last quarter 32.4 sec.), Debuquick (1½ miles in 4.00.4, last quarter 32.4), Stadocona (1½ miles in 2.53, last quarter 30 sec.) and Warrior Rose (1½ miles in 2.48.4, last quarter 32.1 sec.).—The North China Daily News.

## RUBBER NOTES.

A private view received to-day states that the London market is still firm though prices have weakened.

Brokers' advice states that the London market is weaker and prices have dropped. This is accounted for by the fortnightly settlements taking place to-morrow. Sellers are willing to accept a point or two lower than market prices in order to realize cash profits.

The Ching Ming Festival is still affecting the Hongkong market but an improvement in prices all round is expected soon after the beginning of next month.

It is reported that brokers' clerks on the London Stock Exchange are rubber-tired.

A telegram from London states that the Kuala Lumpur Rubber Co. has declared an interim dividend of six per cent.

The output for the Rubber Estates of Krian for March was 2,091 lbs.

The estimated value of the rubber crop of the world for 1910 is £25,000,000, 50 per cent. more than a year ago.

The Netherlands India Government has a rubber plantation at Langkat near Deli of which about 300 acres were planted with Horua at the end of 1909. Achinas labour is employed.

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## LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

London, April 8.  
The debates on the Vote of the Lords have shown the Liberals to be strangely lacking in fire. Mr. Asquith has done his best, but his influence is neither magnetic nor inspiring. He does not give the impression of a man sure that his cause will win. Yet this outcry against the Lords blocking the way of Reform has continued for at least thirty years and the Liberals have been yearning to "be up and at them." At least they have always said so.

Old Parliamentary hands are going about bawling the lack of a Gladstone to put life into the dry bones of the Liberal party. There is the mysterious figure of John Redmond whichever way they look, and within the Cabinet itself there are lukewarm influences like Mr. Haldane and Mr. McKenna, counselling extreme caution to the Premier.

So to find an outlet for their feelings the rank and file of the Liberal party are starting out on a big national campaign. They hope by stamping the country to effect the loss of prestige caused by the Premier's failure to get along with his attack on the Lords.

Some quarters profess to see better omens ahead. For one thing there is again talk of the King going on his suspended Mediterranean cruise after the Bixarri stay, which has done him a lot of good. One well-informed politician tells me he has watched an expensive dinner with a sporting opponent that the Liberals will manage to hold out for two years. My own opinion is he will have to order that repeat before many months are gone.

Still, there is a great outcry among the supporters of the Government that there should be even talk of dissolution when there is an anti-Liberal majority in the House of 124. It is as much as that on paper, but in practice it is not so rosy a situation for the Premier. Even the sections already existing threaten to split up into still smaller segments. To prevent that is the present task of the party Whips.

So far the Labour men have held aloof, but an effort is being made by the Master of Elibank, the Chief Liberal Whip, not only to attract their steady aid in the House, but also to arrive at an understanding whereby three-cornered contests may be avoided at the next election. Several Conservatives won their seats last time through the progressive votes being split between Liberal and Labour candidates.

One feature of the recent debate has been the distinguished attendance. The Prince of Wales has been a steady listener, while behind the grille or metal network that obscures the sight of the Ladies' gallery, has been the Princess of Wales on the occasion of the recent debate. Several important politicians have had his wife in the same quarter of the house during the big speeches. These influential women have full use of the gallery nowadays, for since the frolics of the giddy Suffragettes only relatives of members are admitted.

If the current rumour that the Earl of Carrington is to succeed Earl Grey as Governor General of Canada, proves true, the Liberal party will lose not only their Minister for Agriculture but also one of their best supporters.

It is said the idea of Lord Carrington's appointment originated in high official circles in the Dominion. Canada is to adopt a modified version of the Small Loans Act as a condition of the loan. Carrington knows a lot about. Besides having served a term as Governor of New South Wales, he has made a close study of rural subjects at home. His Buckinghamshire tenants declare he is a model landlord.

Irish politicians are chuckling over the latest election yarn. Tim Healy, one of the rebels among the Nationalists, for his refusal to bow the knee to Redmond, had a majority of 10,000 against him in the recent election. Carrington, his official opponent, was defeated by a narrow margin.

The number would have been a hundred but for the fact that an illustrious ruler spoilt his paper. There was none other than Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh. He went to Dundalk to vote for Healy, but being abstracted in his thoughts he marked the paper as he was in the habit of signing his episcopal notes "M. L. (Michael, Cardinal Logue)." When that paper came before the scruters it caused them some puzzlement, for it was clearly not the work of some illiterate. But it had to be thrown out among those scrawled by the ignorant and drunken, and "Tim" was shorn of the aid of his most prominent supporter.

Your Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, has attracted a good deal of attention by a thoughtful and suggestive article in one of the April reviews on the problems of making an over sea dominion.

He is a defender of the Japanese, an appeal for patience and fairplay in commenting on their colonising, together with some observations on our own earlier efforts at the same task, and some doubts as to whether we still possess the old spirit that led to spontaneous settlement in the distant fragments of the Empire. In a word the article is a sort of lecture to us to attend to the rents in our own attitude before we cry criticisms on the darts in our neighbours' hose.

He doubts if people generally realise what colonising really means. Great Britain is so used to having many colonies that Britons have little conception of the process of establishment. Holland and Spain have forgotten their colonising struggles long ago, but Germany and the United States are now slowly engaged with the difficulties to find the process simple.

As to the Japanese he has lots of hope for their ultimate success and just as they have shown this capability of adapting and improving material production of the West, he thinks if the critics will be patient they may yet produce a perfect colonial administration.

Sir Francis Pigott has much to say of Formosa, Sachalin and Korea, and the need of plenty of able young Japanese to go into the administrative service wholeheartedly. He admits that more of the best type of Japanese are needed as settlers and he allows that they are hampered by their love of home and the nostalgia that leads to a spontaneous settlement in the distant fragments of the Empire. In a word the article is a sort of lecture to us to attend to the rents in our own attitude before we cry criticisms on the darts in our neighbours' hose.

Moreover, he is not sure that we have the old colonising spirit incidentally he pays a tribute to the Scottish pioneers of the long ago—and he makes a strong plea for England not to send to the Colonies the

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HAICHING Capt. A. E. Hodgins SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW, TUESDAY, 3rd May, at 10 a.m.

For the convenience of Passengers, Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

For Freight and Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, November 17, 1908.

## THE EASTERN &amp; AUSTRALIAN MAIL SERVICE.

MAIL SCHEDULE.

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMSHIP ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA

ALDENHAM May 7

EMPIRE May 10th, at Noon.

EASTERN May 20th, at Noon.

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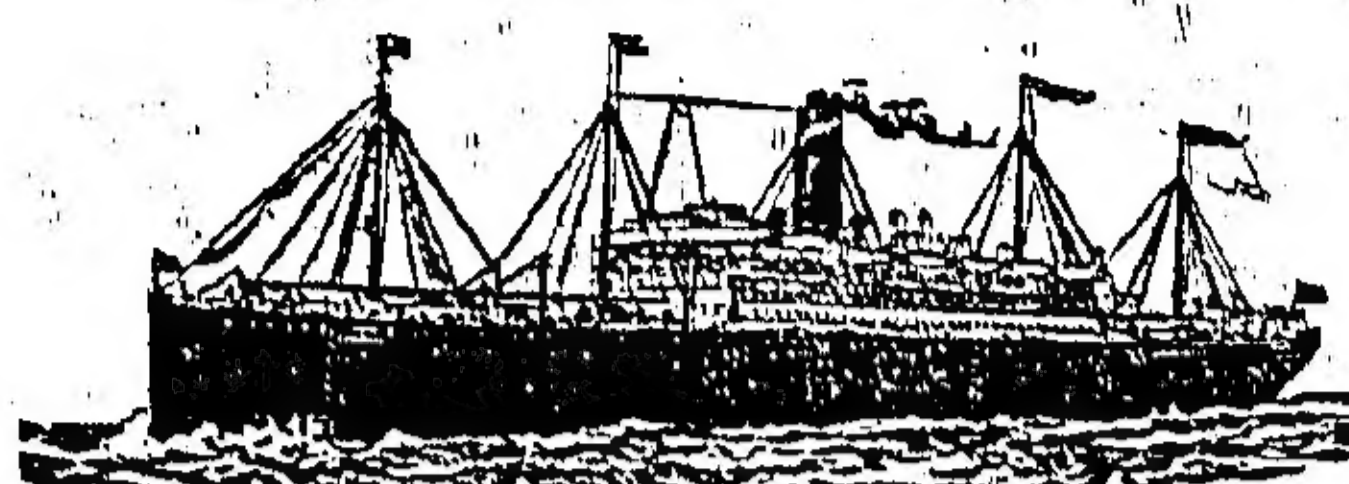
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STEAMSHIP	TONS	SATURDAY	30th April, at 1 p.m.
KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY	14th May, at 1 p.m.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	SATURDAY	21st May, at 1 p.m.
SIBERIA	18,000	SATURDAY	28th May, at 1 p.m.
MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY	4th June, at 1 p.m.
CHIYU MARU	21,000	SATURDAY	11th June, at 1 p.m.
MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY	2nd July, at 1 p.m.
TENYO MARU	21,000	SATURDAY	9th July, at 1 p.m.

The P.M.S. KOREA will be despatched for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama and Honolulu, on SATURDAY, April 30th, at 1 p.m.

Fares: Hongkong to London £71 10. 0, including Berth and Meals across America.

## INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

China 10,200 Tons, SATURDAY, 28th May, at 1 p.m.

Asia 9,500 Tons, SATURDAY, 18th June, at 1 p.m.

The S.S. CHINA will leave for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu, on SATURDAY, May 28th, at 1 p.m.

The fine Mail Steamers ASIA and CHINA carry intermediate passengers only, affording superior accommodation for that class.

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TACOMA, via KPELUNG, CHICAGO MARU, Capt. I. Goto, 6,182 Wednesday, 18th May, at Noon.

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For

ANPING, via SWATOW & SHU MARU, Capt. Y. Yamamoto, WEDNESDAY, 27th April, at 10 a.m.

AMOY SHANGHAI, via SWATOW, CHOSUN MARU, Capt. T. Suga, THURSDAY, 28th April, at 8 a.m.

AMOY & FOCHOW SHANGHAI, via SWATOW, CHOSUN MARU, Capt. T. Suga, THURSDAY, 28th April, at 8 a.m.

TAKAO (Direct) DAIJIN MARU, Capt. Y. Katsuraki, THURSDAY, 28th April, at 8 a.m.

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T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, June 22, 1909.

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## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES

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NAPLES, GENOA, AIGLERS, GOEBEN, Capt. B. Wilhelm, WEDNESDAY, 4th May, at Noon.

GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, TON, ANTWERP & BREMEN. SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, DERFELINGER, Capt. F. Proulx, WEDNESDAY, 4th May, at Noon.

KOBE and YOKOHAMA MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, PRINZ WALDEMAR, Capt. F. Iscke, SATURDAY, 21st May, at Daylight.

BREITENBURG, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE PRINZ WALDEMAR, Capt. F. Iscke, SATURDAY, 21st May, at Daylight.

YOKOHAMA and KOBE BORNEO, Capt. F. Sembill, MONDAY, 2nd May, at Noon.

KUDAT and SANDAKAN FRIDAY, 23rd April, at 9 a.m.

For further Particulars apply to

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## Shipping.

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

For

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, WEDNESDAY, April 27, at Noon.

SINGAPORE, PENANG, THURSDAY, April 27, at Noon.

AND CALCUTTA LOONGSANG, FRIDAY, April 29, at 4 p.m.

MANILA, SINGAPORE, LAYSANG, TUESDAY, May 3, at Noon.

AND CALCUTTA YUNNANG, FRIDAY, May 6, at 4 p.m.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEROO & TIENTSIN

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, April 27, at 4 p.m.

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SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, May 10, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, May 17, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, May 24, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, May 31, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, June 7, at 4 p.m.

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SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, June 28, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, July 5, at 4 p.m.

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SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, July 19, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, July 26, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, August 2, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, August 9, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, August 16, at 4 p.m.

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SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, August 30, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, September 6, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, September 13, at 4 p.m.

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SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, September 27, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, October 4, at 4 p.m.

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SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, October 18, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, October 25, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, November 1, at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI, CHONGKING, November 8, at 4 p.m.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:-  
On the 26th at 11.05 a.m.—The barometer has fallen quickly at Nansu owing to the depression which is moving Eastwards to the North of Hokkaido.  
The barometer has risen considerably in S. Japan, and fallen slightly on the coast of China.  
Pressure is relatively low over the middle part of the China Sea. It is high over the Yellow Sea, and over the Pacific in the neighbourhood of the Bonins.  
Fresh N.E. and E. winds, may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and along the northern shores of the China Sea.  
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.40 inches.  
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:-  
1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: E. winds, fresh; cloudy, some rain.  
2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, fresh.  
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamou: same as No. 1.  
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: same as No. 1.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, April 26, 1910.	
On London	100/11
Bank Wires	100/11
On Shanghai	100/11
On Hongkong	100/11
On Yokohama	100/11
On Manila	100/11
On Cebu	100/11
On Batavia	100/11
On Borneo	100/11
On Java	100/11
On Sumatra	100/11
On Celebes	100/11
On Moluccas	100/11
On Philippines	100/11
On India	100/11
On Australia	100/11
On New Zealand	100/11
On South Africa	100/11
On Argentina	100/11
On Brazil	100/11
On Chile	100/11
On Peru	100/11
On Colombia	100/11
On Venezuela	100/11
On Ecuador	100/11
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## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmitted by the SIBERIAN route to EUROPE.

## Mails will close for:-

For London, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the 27th April.

For Batavia, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the 27th April.

For Hongkong, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the 27th April.

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## To-day's Advertisements

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Hongkong, April 26, 1910. 540

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TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

On View from Thursday, the 28th April, 1910.

Geo. P. LAMBERT,

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Hongkong, April 26, 1910. 541

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## STEAMER AUSTRALIAN.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

## MARITIMES.

(CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London or other ports, to be shipped on the steamer ALFA, will be notified by the Company's agents, Messrs. Messageries Maritimes, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods with receipt of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on consignment before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be so noted here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned, and Goods remaining unclaimed after the 2nd May, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 3rd May, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on the 2nd May, at 2 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. TEGOMAS,

Agent.

Hongkong, April 26, 1910. 539

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## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

## ARRIVALS.

April 25.

Rubi, British steamer, 1,619, A. Fraser,

Manila April 23, General. — Suez,

Tokyo & Co.

Atoll, British str., 3,031, S. L. Sack,

Glasgow, via Liverpool, and Singapore,

April 19, General. — Dornier & Co., Ltd.

Minam, French steamer, 3,950, Ducier,

Antwerp March 1, General. — Messageries

Maritimes.

Michael, German steamer, 991, J.

Peerson, Manila April 22, Bullat. — Jansen

& Co.

Austria, Austrian str., 4,53, G. R. Rich,

Kobe via Shanghai April 22, General. —

Saxonia, Wilhelm & Co.

Kito, Japanese str., 5,277, F.

E. Cape, Shanghai April 22, General. —

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

April 26.

Tijmish, Dutch steamer, 2,470, J. N.

Bouman, from Batavia, Sugar and General.

— JAVO-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

Hing Shun, Chinese str., 808, Mar-

keton, Vancouver April 19, Coal. —

Minam Bussan Kaisha.

Hainan, British str., 638, J. W. Evans,

Swatow April 25, General. — Douglas

Steamship Co., Ltd.

Pala, British steamer, 4,800, W. T.

Hannah, Liverpool via Penang and Singa-

pore April 21, General. — Butterfield &

Swire.

Necker, British steamer, 1,143, J. V.

Saunders, from Hongkong April 19, and Chelco

24, General. — Butterfield & Swire.

Musong, British steamer, 1,844, G. S.

Weigall, Sandakan April 20, Timber and

General. — JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Enoch, French steamer, 630, J. Pannier,

Haiphong via Kwang-chow-wai April 22,

General. — A. R. Marry.

## DEPARTURES.

April 26.

Oceanic, for Saigon and Marseilles.

Dragonair, for Shanghai.

Chienlong, for Shanghai.

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